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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO - DISCUSSION OF ABDUCTION WITH BG WORKU MAKONNEN,  
2ND DIVISION.

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1. AS BG GETACHEW NADEW, ERITREAN MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR  
PRESENTLY TOURING WESTERN ERITREA WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PMAC,  
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BG TEFERI BANTI, I TODAY CALLED ON BG WORKU MAKONNEN, CO 2ND DIV,

WHO IS GETACHEW'S DEPUTY, TO DISCUSS THE ABDUCTION OF THE CISCO TWO.

2. I GAVE WORKU COPIES OF A SHORT FACTUAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT AND COPIES OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED BY AMB HUMMEL IN ADDIS TO THE FONMIN. WORKU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE WOULD READ BOTH AND SEE THAT THEY WERE DELIVERED TO GETACHEW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I ALSO TOLD WORKU THAT THE PMAC VICE CHAIRMAN MENGHISTU HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THE ABDUCTION AND WAS TAKING A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE MATTER.

3. I THEN EMPHASIZED TO WORKU THE CONCERN OF THE U.S. GOV'T THAT NO ACTIONS BE TAKEN BY THE ARMY THAT COULD ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES. I SAID THAT OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS THE SAFE RETURN OF THE MEN AND WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE TO THAT END. I SAID WE ASSUMED THAT HIS INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS WAS ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE HOSTAGES AND THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. I ALSO ASKED HIM TO LET ME KNOW BEFORE HE LAUNCHED ANY RECOVERY OPERATIONS.

4. WORKU ASSURED ME THAT HE TOO WAS INTERESTED ABOVE ALL IN THE SAFE RETURN OF THE HOSTAGES AND DID NOT INTEND TO AUTHORIZE ANY OPERATIONS THAT COULD ENDANGER THEM. HE SAID "AGENTS" ARE IN THE FIELD AND THEY ARE IN PARTICULAR INVESTIGATING IN THE AREA WHERE THE VEHICLE WAS FOUND. THERE ARE NO REAL CLUES AND IF THOSE RESPONSIBLE HAVE GONE INTO HIDING WITH THEIR CAPTIVES IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND THEM. HE SAID HE HOPES THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH FAMILIES OF THE ABDUCTED ETHIOPIANS AS WELL AS THE ETHIOPIAN WIVES OF THE TWO AMERICANS, AND VISITS WITH THEM TO THEIR OWN VILLAGES IN THE AREA MIGHT BE USEFUL. I REFERRED HIM TO THE CISCO PROJECT MANAGER WHO CAN ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH THE FAMILIES AND WIVES. WORKU APPEARED CONCERNED AND AGREED TO KEEP ME INFORMED OF WHATEVER PROGRESS HE MAKES. HE ADDED THAT HE HAS UNCOVERED NO EVIDENCE OF ANY RANSOM DEMAND HAVING BEEN MADE IN MASSAWA (ASMARA 595)M

5. I THEN ASKED WORKU TO ARRANGE FOR ME TO SEE TEFERI BANTI, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, BEFORE HE LEAVES ERITREA, SO THAT I MAY DISCUSS THE ABDUCTION WITH HIM. WORKU AGREED TO TRY TO SET UP A MEETING WITH TEFERI, GETACHEW AND HIMSELF.  
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